

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 352

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A RESOLUTION to designate May 2019 as "Williams Syndrome Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Williams syndrome is a rare genetic condition that is present at birth, affects as many as 30,000 individuals in the United States, and is characterized by medical and cognitive problems, including cardiovascular disease, developmental delays, and learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Williams Syndrome Association (WSA), founded in 1982, is a nonprofit organization and the most comprehensive resource for people and families living with Williams syndrome, as well as for doctors, researchers, and educators; and

WHEREAS, the WSA has improved the quality of life and futures of those affected by Williams syndrome through its various efforts, including raising public awareness, funding critical new research, and providing valuable information and support to families; and

WHEREAS, to generate awareness about Williams syndrome and raise funding for critical WSA programs and initiatives, the WSA has organized May as Williams Syndrome Awareness Month, which includes events all across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Williams Syndrome Association and the families and friends of those with Williams syndrome should be commended for their hard work, compassion, and courage as they educate the country about this rare disorder; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate the month of May 2019 as "Williams Syndrome Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.